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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM (BOHUMIR, DR. J. PELIKAN)

REF: NICOSIA 0781

1. GOC CHIEF MIGRATION OFFICER (CMO) INFORMED EMBOFF MARCH 30 THAT BOHUMIR HAD CHANGED HIS MIND AND WANTED RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. EMBOFF SAID HE UNAWARE OF THAT DEVELOPMENT BUT WOULD SEE BOHUMIR IN AFTERNOON AND SEEK CONFIRMATION OF HIS INTENTIONS.
2. BOHUMIR SUBSEQUENTLY REITERATED HIS DESIRE LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA DUE TO OPPRESSIVE ACTIONS OF REGIME WHICH ALSO INCLUDED DICTATING HIS PLACE OF WORK AND RESIDENCE AND STRIPPING HIM OF HIS MEDICAL PRACTICE SOME 20 YEARS AGO WHEN HE REFUSED COMPLY. CURRENT PROBLEM HERE, HOWEVER, IS THAT HE IS MUCH ATTACHED TO HIS LITTLE DOG, A SIX-YEAR OLD TERRIER. WHEN PROCESSING PROCEDURE EXPLAINED TO HIM, HE AGREED GO ANYWHERE HE WOULD BE SENT (PREFERABLY WITH WARM CLIMATE FOR HEALTH REASONS) AND TO WORK HARD AT ANY JOB GIVEN HIM, BUT HE SAID HE WOULD RATHER RETURN
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA THAN BE SEPARATED FROM LITTLE DOG WHICH WAS ONLY THING HE HAD LEFT IN THE WORLD. ASKED IF HE HAD BEEN REQUIRED TO SPEAK TO ANYONE FROM CZECH EMBASSY, HE REPLIED HE HAD NOT.

3. EMBOFF INFORMED CMO OF CONVERSATION FRIDAY NIGHT, MARCH 31. ALTHOUGH SYMPATHETIC, CMO SAID GOC COULD NOT

GIVE SUCH ASSURANCES CONCERNING THE DOG.

4. BOHUMIR'S LAST CONTACT WITH EMBASSY WAS BY PHONE EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON WHEN HE WAS REQUESTED CONTACT EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER SATURDAY MORNING WHO WOULD TELL HIM OF THE RESULTS OF OUR CONVERSATION WITH CMO. DUTY OFFICER REPORTS NO CALL FROM BOHUMIR NOR HAS HE SINCE CONTACTED THE EMBASSY.

5. CMO STATES BOHUMIR STILL IN CYPRUS AS OF APRIL 5 BUT THAT POLICE REPORT HE APPARENTLY LEANING TOWARD RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
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